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Education and information for disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/123 of 15 December 1989 and 46/27 of 6 December 1991,

Taking into account the Final Document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, in particular paragraph 106 thereof, in which the Assembly urged Governments and international governmental and non-governmental organizations to take steps to develop programmes of education for disarmament and peace studies at all levels,

Considering that paragraphs 99, 100 and 101 of the Final Document provide for the mechanisms of a programme to mobilize world public opinion on behalf of disarmament, including the dissemination of information and publicity to complement the educational work,

Also considering that the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme plays an important role in complementing the educational efforts on behalf of disarmament carried out by Member States within their own educational and cultural development systems,

Recognizing that the important changes that have taken place in the world aimed at promoting freedom, democracy, respect for and enjoyment of human rights, disarmament and social development contribute to the achievement of positive results in the promotion of education and information for disarmament,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts which the educational community is making in the preparation of curricula and activities to promote education for disarmament and peace as a means of contributing to the implementation of resolutions 44/123 and 46/27,

1. Expresses appreciation to the Secretary-General for his reports A/46/506 and A/48/366 submitted pursuant to the resolutions mentioned above;

2. Also expresses appreciation for the valuable information contained in the reports submitted by Member States, international governmental and non-governmental organizations and educational institutions for peace and disarmament;

3. Reiterates that, in order to achieve positive results, it is indispensable to carry out educational and advisory programmes which promote peace and disarmament at all levels and are aimed at changing basic attitudes with respect to aggression, violence, armaments and war, and which support regional and international action for peace, security and cooperation;

4. Reiterates that the efforts of Member States, international governmental and non-governmental organizations and educational institutions for peace and disarmament, in the promotion of activities under the Disarmament Information Programme will enhance not only the education and information for disarmament described in the second and third preambular paragraphs but also the arms reduction and disarmament processes or agreements which are being carried out at the regional and international levels;

5. Invites Member States and international governmental and non-governmental organizations and educational institutions for peace and disarmament to redouble their efforts to respond to the appeal made in paragraph 106 of the Final Document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly and to submit to the Secretary-General a report on their activities in this regard;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session, from within existing resources, the reports requested in paragraph 5 above under the item entitled "Education and information for disarmament".